25.7.61.

1. Down to the River and Pray (Allison Krauss)

Though you are a child of the 21st century, nature, ritual, and community will probably be more important than ever in your lifetime. The simplicity of this song and the words, that the meaning of the song comes through in the chorus.

2. Silver Stallions (Cat Power / Highwaymen)

Adventure is a beautiful part of life. Who knows what you will bring to the family? But I will bring you adventure. You and I are partners. "We're gonna ride." Sometimes we'll have adventure for just adventure's sake. Just ride and ride, chasing the sky.

3. Let it Be (The Beatles)

You come from a line of women that fight for human rights in both political and social circles. One of your grandfathers brought the sentiment of the 60's to the family and it is alive in well: cherish life, celebrate diversity.

4. Hands (Jewel)

"If I could tell the world just one thing, it'll be that we're all ok." "I won't be made useless." At the same time, you can hold intention toward equality while appreciating the valid perspectives of all people. "In the end, only kindness matters." "I will get down on my knees and I will pray." Hold true to your values but remain humble.

5. Beautiful (Christina Aguilera)

Appreciate the beauty in people – find it, it is incredible, probably more than they themselves realize. Make them see it. If you ever see "weird" people, go meet them before you form an opinion about them. If you are "weird", you'd want others to do the same thing. Often, 'weird' people are the most beautiful on earth – they are probably pretty interesting and strong-willed.

6. Empty (Ray LaMontagne)

Sadness is a part of life, something we should cherish as part of being human. But when it comes, realize that it will go – there is no use in holding onto it. Let it come, let it go.

7. Halo (Beyonce)

It's difficult to describe the love that your parents and your family members have for you. You are the first of a new generation. You are the child of the first of their generation. You represent everything pure in this world. A halo is an apt metaphor. In the first photo I saw of you, I felt your own.

8. Hallelujah (Jeff Buckley / Leonard Cohen)

This is just a beautiful song. Carry God in you, whatever God is to you. It may be simply an expression of love, a being, a life force, a feeling, or a beautiful idea. Carry it with you.

Vocals: Latika Kirtane, Cathy Loerzel, Neema Moraveji, Joel Slocum, Brandon Weber, Abby Wong. **Guitar:** Neema Moraveji.
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